

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ROY B. SMITH; VICKI SMITH

NO. CIV. S-04-1245 LKK/GGH

Plaintiffs,

v.

**PRETRIAL CONFERENCE ORDER**  
**[FINAL]**

EAGLE MOLDING COMPANY #1,  
et al,

Defendants.

\_\_\_\_\_  
AND RELATED CROSS-ACTIONS  
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Pursuant to court order, a Pretrial Conference was held in Chambers on February 5, 2007. ANTHONY J. POIDMORE appeared as counsel for plaintiffs; RICHARD W. FREEMAN, JR. appeared as counsel for defendants; ROBERT R. LUSTER appeared as counsel for the intervenor. Above-listed counsel are therefore designated as lead trial counsel.<sup>1</sup> After consideration of the parties' objections

<sup>1</sup> Eagle Molding has requested that Kevin D. Smith be added as lead trial counsel in its objections, even though Mr. Smith was not

1 and requests for augmentation, the court makes the following  
2 ORDERS:

3 **I. JURISDICTION/VENUE**

4 Jurisdiction is predicated upon 28 U.S.C. § 1332 (a). Venue  
5 is predicated upon 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a). Both jurisdiction and  
6 venue have previously been found to be proper by order of this  
7 court. Those findings are confirmed.

8 **II. JURY/NON-JURY**

9 Both parties have requested a jury trial and this matter will  
10 be tried to a jury.

11 **III. UNDISPUTED FACTS**

12 **A. General Facts:**

13 On September 17, 2002 at about 9:00 a.m., Plaintiff ROY SMITH  
14 ("SMITH"), a long haul driver for Maverick Trucking, arrived at the  
15 molding manufacturing facilities of EAGLE MOULDING CO. #1 ("EAGLE  
16 MOULDING") in Yuba City, California. Plaintiff had been dispatched  
17 by his employer to pick up a load of molding to be delivered to the  
18 east coast. Smith, a trucker with Maverick for 3 years, had picked  
19 up and hauled similar loads on numerous occasions before, but not  
20 from EAGLE MOULDING. SMITH was driving a 2000 Freightliner  
21 Conventional Tractor with a 48 foot long spread axle all-aluminum  
22 trailer which was 96 inches wide and 60 inches high at the deck.  
23 The load SMITH was to pick up consisted of approximately 12-15  
24 "bundles" of molding, each of which was about 12 feet long, 4 feet

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26 present at the pre-trial conference. The request is denied.

1 wide, and 2 - 3 feet tall. Each bundle had been pre-assembled by  
2 EAGLE personnel. The load had been set aside at EAGLE'S loading  
3 dock and was to be placed onto SMITH'S truck by EAGLE'S forklift  
4 operator, Jose Correa.

5 Jose Correa had been working at EAGLE for about 5 years at  
6 that time and had loaded numerous such loads. Correa placed the  
7 load, with some emphasis on providing a solid foundation while  
8 giving deference to which bundles would need to come off the truck  
9 first. Correa loaded the truck without incident in about an hour.  
10 Correa then assisted SMITH with placing two Zamzow tarps (each of  
11 which was 24 feet long and 22 feet wide with 8 foot dropped sides)  
12 onto the top of the load. The tarps were 18 ounce vinyl at the top  
13 with 14 ounce vinyl on the sides and weighed about 100 pounds.

14 The tarps, used to protect the load, were carried by SMITH  
15 rolled into cylindrical bundles about 2 feet in diameter and 3  
16 feet long. After being placed on top of the load, they would be  
17 unfurled by SMITH. SMITH placed each of the tarps, one at a time,  
18 onto the blade of the forklift so that Correa could then lift them  
19 up to the top of the load.

20 As Correa loaded the tarps, SMITH stood by the front of the  
21 trailer, about 10 feet off to the side. After both tarps had been  
22 placed, Correa drove away on the forklift while SMITH approached  
23 the middle of the truck on the passenger side to finish tightening  
24 down the last of the straps that secured the load.

25 As SMITH faced the front of the truck to tighten the last  
26 strap, he used a wench inserted into the trailer's ratchet. After

1 4 downward ratcheting movements, the forward most tarp fell,  
2 hitting SMITH on the head and shoulder, knocking him to the ground.  
3 A nearby EAGLE supervisor, Rick Sisco, heard the Plaintiff groaning  
4 and responded. Jose Correa also responded and remained with  
5 Plaintiff while Sisco called for emergency assistance. Sisco also  
6 placed two calls at Plaintiff's request on Plaintiff's cell phone  
7 - to his dispatcher and to his wife. Sisco and Correa remained  
8 with SMITH until the ambulance personnel arrived.

9 A Bi-County Ambulance and the Yuba City Fire Department  
10 responded to EAGLE'S yard. They found Plaintiff awake and alert,  
11 but in pain on the ground. They examined and stabilized him and  
12 removed him to nearby Rideout Hospital. At Rideout, Plaintiff was  
13 seen by various doctors, including Dr. Mauk, Dr. Williams, Dr.  
14 Dorsey, and Dr. Han. Plaintiff was diagnosed and kept at a local  
15 hotel overnight so that he could be seen the next day. His  
16 discharge diagnosis was acute strain of the thoracic spine.

17 Plaintiff spent two days in California and then returned to  
18 Texas with his wife, who had traveled to Yuba City to get him.  
19 SMITH'S truck and trailer were removed several days later by other  
20 Maverick drivers. After arriving in Texas, Plaintiff was treated  
21 by other doctors, including Dr. Mims, Dr. Watters, and Dr.  
22 Vanderlick. There he had eight surgeries beginning in October,  
23 2002 and continuing until March, 2007.

24 Smith's employer, Maverick Trucking was insured by Liberty  
25 Mutual for purposes of workers compensation. Liberty Mutual has  
26 made certain payments as a result of this accident and is, in

1 essence, a second plaintiff, seeking to recover those payments.

2 **B. Facts Relevant to Negligence Cause of Action:**

3 1. It is not disputed that ROY Smith was injured while at the  
4 yard of EAGLE MOULDING on September 17, 2002.

5 2. ROY SMITH was acting within the course and scope of his  
6 employment with Maverick Trucking.

7 3. Jose Correa was an employee of EAGLE and was acting in the  
8 course and scope of his employment.

9 4. The accident occurred during the general course of SMITH'S  
10 truck being loaded at the EAGLE yard.

11 5. ROY SMITH was injured when a rolled up tarp fell  
12 approximately 12 feet from the top of the load and struck him.

13 **C. Facts Relevant to Loss of Consortium:**

14 6. At the time of the incident, ROY and VICKIE SMITH were  
15 husband and wife, residing in the State of Texas.

16 **D. Facts Relevant to Complaint in Intervention:**

17 7. LIBERTY MUTUAL is the insurance carrier providing Workers'  
18 Compensation insurance to Maverick Trucking.

19 8. LIBERTY MUTUAL has paid workers' compensation benefits to  
20 ROY SMITH in an amount to be determined.

21 **IV. DISPUTED FACTS**

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7 inches wide and 60 inches high at the deck.

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10 long, 4 feet wide, and 2 - 3 feet tall. Each bundle had been  
11 pre-assembled by EAGLE personnel and was wrapped in plastic  
12 to provide some protection against the elements. The load had  
13 been set aside at EAGLE'S loading dock and was to be placed onto  
14 SMITH'S truck by EAGLE'S forklift operator, Jose Correa.  
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16 time and had loaded numerous such loads. Correa placed the load  
17 with direction from SMITH, with some emphasis on providing a  
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8 other Maverick drivers. After arriving in Texas, Plaintiff was  
9 treated by other doctors, including Dr. Mims, Dr. Watters, and  
10 Dr. Vanderlick. There he had five surgeries beginning in  
11 October, 2002 and continuing until October, 2003.

12 According to Dr. Thomas Mims of Houston, who has been  
13 Plaintiff's primary treating physician and surgeon for the  
14 injuries associated with this accident, Plaintiff sustained a  
15 fracture of the left C7 facet and C6 foramina. A myelogram  
16 showed nerve compression at C6 7 and C5 6 related to chronic  
17 degenerative changes.

18 Plaintiff initially had a posterior bilateral surgery at C5  
19 6 and left C 7 (laminectomy and foraminotomy) with resection of  
20 the fractured facet area and a posterior cervical fusion with  
21 cervical wiring from C5 T1 on October 18, 2002. He had an  
22 incision and draining of a post operatively infected incision on  
23 December 8, 2002 with outpatient intravenous antibiotics.  
24 Plaintiff continued to complain of neck pain and painful arm  
25 symptoms with numbness in his arms. A subsequent cervical  
26 myelogram and CT showed that the posterior fusion had not set up



1 properly and that a remaining posterior spinous process eroded  
2 through the skin.

3 On July 7, 2003, a spinous process that was protruding  
4 through a small skin opening at C7 was resected as were other  
5 bony spinous processes at C5 and C6 to keep them from pushing  
6 through the thinned out skin area. Plaintiff was also treated  
7 by the infectious disease service with intravenous and oral  
8 antibiotics for several weeks.

9 Plaintiff returned to surgery on August 8, 2003 for an  
10 anterior fusion at C5 6 and C6 7 and an inner body fusion  
11 technique with application of a stabilizing cervical plate. The  
12 posterior fusion was re explored and found not quite solid, but  
13 it was starting to set up. The entire fusion mass was left  
14 intact and unaltered so that it could become more solid over the  
15 next several months. On October 10, 2003 Plaintiff had a  
16 revision of the posterior spine incision with resection of a  
17 prominent bony spur that was drilled smooth and closed.

18 Plaintiff seemed to be improving after the October, 2003  
19 surgery, but was then observed to deteriorate. Plaintiff  
20 reported chronic pain in his neck with headaches, arm pain,  
21 numbness and tingling, and intermittent weakness in arms and  
22 hands. He complained of episodes of paralysis in his arms and  
23 hands.

24 Plaintiff had not worked from the date of the accident  
25 (September 17, 2002) until October, 2006. In October, 2006,  
26 Plaintiff obtained part-time employment (20-25 hours per week)

1 as a motorcycle mechanic at a local motorcycle repair shop in  
2 Texas. He quit that job recently due to pain. Plaintiff  
3 recently underwent surgery for the insertion of an intrathecal  
4 drug delivery system to reduce his pain.

5 Plaintiff claims a loss of income from his employment with  
6 Maverick that is estimated at \$287,454. Plaintiff claims future  
7 losses of income that are estimated from \$700,358 to \$1,126,119.  
8 Plaintiff and LIBERTY MUTUAL claim that Plaintiff's medical  
9 costs from the incident total approximately \$200,000. Liberty  
10 Mutual has paid medical bills totaling \$125,226, and has paid  
11 disability in the amount of \$63,137.

12 Plaintiff claims permanent residual limitations from his  
13 injuries and that he has suffered depression and chronic pain  
14 syndrome with a significant psychological component. Plaintiff  
15 claims that he will require ongoing medical treatment,  
16 medication, and perhaps treatment in connection with the  
17 surgical insertion of an intrathecal drug delivery device.  
18 VICKIE SMITH contends that she has suffered a loss of consortium  
19 as a result of ROY SMITH'S injuries.

20 Plaintiff claims that he will never work again as a truck  
21 driver. Plaintiff claims that his future employment will be  
22 significantly limited by his injuries and that he may not be  
23 able to obtain significant employment at all. Defendant  
24 contends that employment is available to Plaintiff after  
25 rehabilitation and training which will allow him to  
26 significantly mitigate his future income losses. Defendant's

1 experts will testify that, assuming liability, Plaintiff's  
2 losses of future income range from \$192,539 to \$321,585.

3 **B. Facts Relevant to Negligence Cause of Action:**

4 1. Whether or not ROY SMITH or EAGLE directed and  
5 controlled the loading operation, and specifically, the loading  
6 of the tarps;

7 2. Whether or not EAGLE and its employee Correa were  
8 negligent in placing the tarps on SMITH'S load at the time and  
9 place that Correa placed them;

10 3. Whether or not Correa violated any EAGLE training  
11 directive or policy in his placement of the tarps;

12 4. Whether or not EAGLE or Correa failed to warn SMITH  
13 about any aspect of the loading operation;

14 5. Whether or not SMITH was contributorily negligent for  
15 his role in the truck and tarp loading process;

16 6. Why and how the tarp fell from the top of the load;

17 7. Whether or not EAGLE was negligent or met the standard  
18 of care for its work in the loading of the truck and the tarp;

19 8. Whether or not Plaintiff SMITH assumed the risks of  
20 injuries such as this when participating in employment as a  
21 long-haul truck driver;

22 9. What the specific extent of Plaintiff's injuries were  
23 from being struck by the tarp;

24 10. What the general extent and degree of Plaintiff's  
25 injuries have been and what the cost for the reasonably  
26 necessary medical treatment has been;

1        11. Whether or not Plaintiff has sustained any permanently  
2 debilitating injuries;

3        12. Whether or not Plaintiff will require further and  
4 permanent future medical treatment and what the costs for that  
5 medical treatment that is reasonably necessary are;

6        13. What the amount of Plaintiff's loss of income - past  
7 and future - is;

8        14. Whether or not Plaintiff will work in the future and  
9 what potential areas of employment are open to him;

10       15. Whether or not Plaintiff has mitigated his damages  
11 following this incident; and

12       16. Whether or not Plaintiff SMITH met the standard of  
13 care for long-haul truck-drivers in directing and supervising  
14 the loading of his truck and the placement of his tarps;

15       **C. Facts Relevant to Loss of Consortium:**

16       17. Whether or not VICKIE SMITH sustained any loss of  
17 consortium, affection, comfort, assistance, or moral support as  
18 a result of ROY SMITH'S injuries;

19       18. Whether or not VICKIE SMITH lost the enjoyment of  
20 sexual relations as a result of ROY SMITH'S injuries;

21       19. The value to be attached to any such loss resulting  
22 from the injuries of ROY SMITH; and

23       20. The amount that the value of any such loss is to be  
24 reduced as a result of any comparative fault attributed to ROY  
25 SMITH.

26       **D. Facts Relevant to Complaint in Intervention:**

1        21. Whether or not ROY SMITH'S employer, Maverick Trucking  
2 was negligent in its training of ROY SMITH on the proper methods  
3 for loading and tarp placement on loads such as the load  
4 involved in this incident;

5        22. The extent of payments made for workers' compensation  
6 benefits proximately resulting from this incident;

7        23. Whether or not Plaintiff's pre-existing injuries and  
8 medical conditions impacted the extent of medical treatment in  
9 this case; and

10       24. The nature and extent of reasonably necessary future  
11 medical payments for Plaintiff's injuries.

12       **V. NON-DISCOVERY MOTIONS TO THE COURT AND RESOLUTION**

13       Liberty Mutual filed a motion to intervene, which was  
14 granted on October 14 ,2004.

15       Plaintiffs filed a motion to modify the scheduling order,  
16 which was denied on November 3, 2006.

17       **VI. DISPUTED EVIDENTIARY ISSUES**

18       Plaintiff disputes the introduction of expert testimony of  
19 Paul Herbert and Bradley Closson. Intervenor joins with  
20 plaintiff.

21       Defendant and intervenor dispute the admissibility of (a)  
22 evidence concerning Vicki Smith's medical condition and loss of  
23 consortium claim, (b) evidence regarding the costs of Roy  
24 Smith's future medical care, (c) evidence of a violation of  
25 defendant's loading policy, (d) defendant's videotape of a  
26 simulated loading, and (e) certain portions of the expert

1 opinions of Richard Koch and John Wicks.

2 The parties shall bring on motions in limine to be heard  
3 April 23, 2007 at the regular law and motion calendar in  
4 accordance with the ordinary policy of the court, thirty-one  
5 (31) days before the hearing. The opposing parties shall  
6 respond fourteen (14) days thereafter and the moving parties to  
7 close seven (7) days thereafter.

8 **VII. SPECIAL FACTUAL INFORMATION**

9 None.

10 **VIII. RELIEF SOUGHT**

11 Plaintiff Roy Smith seeks reimbursement of medical costs,  
12 lost wages, and pain and suffering. Plaintiff Vicki Smith seeks  
13 damages for loss of consortium.

14 **IX. POINTS OF LAW**

15 (a) The elements, standards, and burden of proof of a  
16 claim for negligence and the failure to use reasonable care.

17 (b) The elements, standards, and burden of proof of a  
18 claim for the loss of consortium.

19 (c) The elements, standards, and burden of proof for the  
20 following defenses: assumption of risk defense, comparative  
21 fault, failure to mitigate damages, and uncertain medical  
22 damages.

23 (d) The elements, standards, and burden of proof regarding  
24 whether Liberty Mutual is entitled to an offset based on  
25 benefits already paid.

26 ANY CAUSES OF ACTION OR AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES NOT EXPLICITLY

1 ASSERTED IN THE PRETRIAL ORDER UNDER POINTS OF LAW AT THE TIME  
2 IT BECOMES FINAL ARE DISMISSED, AND DEEMED WAIVED.

3 **X. ABANDONED ISSUES**

4 None.

5 **XI. WITNESSES**

6 Plaintiff anticipates calling the following witnesses:

7 See attachment "A".

8 Defendant anticipates calling the following witnesses:

9 See attachment "B".

10 Intervenor anticipates calling the following witnesses:

11 See attachment "C".

12 Each party may call a witness designated by the other.

13 A. No other witnesses will be permitted to testify  
14 unless:

15 (1) The party offering the witness demonstrates that  
16 the witness is for the purpose of rebutting evidence which could  
17 not be reasonably anticipated at the Pretrial Conference, or

18 (2) The witness was discovered after the Pretrial  
19 Conference and the proffering party makes the showing required  
20 in "B" below.

21 B. Upon the post-Pretrial discovery of witnesses, the  
22 attorney shall promptly inform the court and opposing parties of  
23 the existence of the unlisted witnesses so that the court may  
24 consider at trial whether the witnesses shall be permitted to  
25 testify. The evidence will not be permitted unless:

26 (1) The witnesses could not reasonably have been

1 discovered prior to Pretrial;

2 (2) The court and opposing counsel were promptly  
3 notified upon discovery of the witnesses;

4 (3) If time permitted, counsel proffered the  
5 witnesses for deposition;

6 (4) If time did not permit, a reasonable summary of  
7 the witnesses' testimony was provided opposing counsel.

8 **XII. EXHIBITS, SCHEDULES AND SUMMARIES**

9 At present, plaintiff contemplates the following by way of  
10 exhibits: See attachment "D".

11 At present, defendant contemplates the following by way of  
12 exhibits: See attachment "E".

13 At present, intervenor contemplates the following by way of  
14 exhibits: See attachment "F".

15 A. No other exhibits will be permitted to be introduced  
16 unless:

17 (1) The party proffering the exhibit demonstrates  
18 that the exhibit is for the purpose of rebutting evidence which  
19 could not be reasonably anticipated at the Pretrial Conference,  
20 or

21 (2) The exhibit was discovered after the Pretrial  
22 Conference and the proffering party makes the showing required  
23 in paragraph "B," below.

24 B. Upon the post-Pretrial discovery of exhibits, the  
25 attorneys shall promptly inform the court and opposing counsel  
26 of the existence of such exhibits so that the court may consider



1 at trial their admissibility. The exhibits will not be received  
2 unless the proffering party demonstrates:

3 (1) The exhibits could not reasonably have been  
4 discovered prior to Pretrial;

5 (2) The court and counsel were promptly informed of  
6 their existence;

7 (3) Counsel forwarded a copy of the exhibit(s) (if  
8 physically possible) to opposing counsel. If the exhibit(s) may  
9 not be copied, the proffering counsel must show that he has made  
10 the exhibit(s) reasonably available for inspection by opposing  
11 counsel.

12 As to each exhibit, each party is ordered to exchange  
13 copies of the exhibit not later than fifteen (15) days from the  
14 date of this Pretrial Order. Each party is then granted twenty  
15 (20) days to file with the court and serve on opposing counsel  
16 any objections to said exhibits. In making said objections, the  
17 party is to set forth the grounds for the objection. As to each  
18 exhibit which is not objected to, it shall be marked and  
19 received into evidence and will require no further foundation.  
20 Each exhibit which is objected to will be marked for  
21 identification only.

22 In addition to electronically filing said objections, if  
23 any, the objections must be submitted by email, as an attachment  
24 in Word or WordPerfect format, to: [arivas@caed.uscourts.gov](mailto:arivas@caed.uscourts.gov).

25 The attorney for each party is directed to appear before  
26 and present an original and one (1) copy of said exhibit to Ana

1 Rivas, Deputy Courtroom Clerk, not later than 10:30 a.m. on the  
2 date set for trial. All exhibits shall be submitted to the  
3 court in binders. Plaintiff's exhibits shall be listed  
4 numerically. Defendant's exhibits shall be listed  
5 alphabetically. The parties shall use the standard exhibit  
6 stickers provided by the court: pink for plaintiff and blue for  
7 defendant.

8 **XIII. DISCOVERY DOCUMENTS**

9 No party has tendered any discovery documents.

10 **XIV. FURTHER DISCOVERY OR MOTIONS**

11 None.

12 **XV. STIPULATIONS**

13 None.

14 **XVI. AMENDMENTS/DISMISSALS**

15 None.

16 **XVII. FURTHER TRIAL PREPARATION**

17 A. Counsel are directed to Local Rule 16-285 regarding  
18 the contents of and the time for filing trial briefs.

19 B. Counsel are informed that the court has prepared a set  
20 of standard jury instructions. In general, they cover all  
21 aspects of the trial except those relating to the specific  
22 claims of the complaint. Accordingly, counsel need not prepare  
23 instructions concerning matters within the scope of the prepared  
24 instructions. A copy of the prepared instructions is given to  
25 the parties at the Pretrial Conference.

26 B. For all cases tried to the court, counsel are ordered

1 to file and serve Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of  
2 Law not later than ten (10) days prior to the first date of  
3 trial.

4 C. Counsel are further directed that their specific jury  
5 instructions shall be filed fourteen (14) calendar days prior to  
6 the date of trial. As to any instructions counsel desires to  
7 offer, they shall be prepared in accordance with Local Rule 51-  
8 163(b)(1) which provides:

9 "Two copies of the instructions shall be submitted.

10 One copy shall be electronically filed as a .pdf  
11 document and shall contain each instruction on a  
12 separate page, numbered and identified as to the party  
13 presenting it. Each instruction shall cite the  
14 decision, statute, ordinance, regulation or other  
15 authority supporting the proposition stated in the  
16 instruction."

17 The second copy ("jury copy") shall be submitted by e-mail  
18 to lkkorders@caed.uscourts.gov.

19 In addition, counsel shall provide copies of proposed forms  
20 of verdict, including special verdict forms, at the time the  
21 proposed jury instructions are filed with the court.

22 D. It is the duty of counsel to ensure that any  
23 deposition which is to be used at trial has been filed with the  
24 Clerk of the Court. Counsel are cautioned that a failure to  
25 discharge this duty may result in the court precluding use of  
26 the deposition or imposition of such other sanctions as the

1 court deems appropriate.

2 E. The parties are ordered to file with the court and  
3 exchange between themselves not later than one (1) week before  
4 the trial a statement designating portions of depositions  
5 intended to be offered or read into evidence (except for  
6 portions to be used only for impeachment or rebuttal).

7 F. The parties are ordered to file with the court and  
8 exchange between themselves not later than one (1) week before  
9 trial the portions of answers to interrogatories which the  
10 respective parties intend to offer or read into evidence at the  
11 trial (except portions to be used only for impeachment or  
12 rebuttal).

13 G. The court has extensive audiovisual equipment  
14 available. Any counsel contemplating its use shall contact the  
15 court's Telecommunications Manager, Andre Carrier, at (916) 930-  
16 4223, at least two weeks in advance of trial to receive the  
17 appropriate training.

18 **XVIII. SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS**

19 A Settlement Conference is **SET** before the Honorable David  
20 F. Levi on March 30, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. Counsel are directed to  
21 submit settlement conference statements to the settlement judge  
22 **not later than seven (7) days prior to the conference.** At  
23 counsel's option, such statements may be submitted in confidence  
24 pursuant to Local Rule 16-270(d).

25 Each party is directed to have a principal capable of  
26 disposition at the Settlement Conference or to be fully

1 authorized to settle the matter on any terms and at the  
2 Settlement Conference.

3 **XIX. AGREED STATEMENTS**

4 None.

5 **XX. SEPARATE TRIAL OF ISSUES**

6 None.

7 **XXI. IMPARTIAL EXPERTS/LIMITATION OF EXPERTS**

8 None.

9 **XXII. ATTORNEYS' FEES**

10 None.

11 **XXIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

12 None.

13 **XXIV. ESTIMATE OF TRIAL TIME/TRIAL DATE**

14 Trial by jury is SET for May 8, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., in  
15 Courtroom No. 4. The parties represent in good faith that the  
16 trial will take approximately twelve to fourteen (12-14) days.

17 Counsel are to call Ana Rivas, Courtroom Deputy, at (916)  
18 930-4133, one week prior to trial to ascertain status of trial  
19 date.

20 **XXV. MODIFICATIONS TO PRETRIAL ORDER**


21 The parties are reminded that pursuant to Federal Rule of  
22 Civil Procedure 16(e), this order shall control the subsequent  
23 course of this action and shall be modified only to prevent  
24 manifest injustice.

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1 IT IS SO ORDERED.

2 DATED: March 6, 2007.

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**Plaintiffs' Witnesses:**

**Roy B. Smith  
Vicki Smith  
Jose Correa  
Rick Sisco  
Letha Haymes  
Robert Stoddard  
Tony Dinita  
Kevin P. McCool  
Dr. Thomas Mirns, M.D.  
Dr. William Watters, III, M.D.  
Dr. Mary Ellen Vanderlick  
Dr. Wenchian Han, M.D.  
Dr. Louis M. Mauk, M.D.  
Dr. George Williams, M.D.  
Dr. Daniel Dorsey, M.D.  
Dr. Laura Anderson, M.D.  
Dr. Stephen Irving Mann, M.D.  
Dr. John Wicks, PhD  
Richard Koch  
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Dean Newell**

**ATTACHMENT "A"**

**EXHIBIT A**  
**To Separate Pre-Trial Statement of Eagle Moulding Co. #1**

**TRIAL WITNESS LIST**

**1. Parties**

- a. Roy Smith
- b. Vickie Smith
- c. Eagle Moulding Employees
  - i. Jose Correa *VI. Rick Sisco*
  - ii. Kevin McCool
  - iii. Chip Vipperman
  - iv. Charlie Pascuzzi
  - v. Richard Mason

**2. Bi-County Ambulance Service Personnel**

- a. Ian Huntley
- b. Scott Barber

**3. Yuba City Fire Department Personnel**

- a. Robert Stoddard
- b. Tony DiVita

**4. Rideout Memorial Hospital Staff**

- a. Daniel Dorsey, M.D.
- b. Wenchian Han, M.D.
- c. George Williams, M.D.
- d. Edith L. Dennis

**5. Maverick Transportation Employees**

- a. Dean Newell
- b. Deborah Mitchell
- c. Letha Haymes

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2 e. Billy Daniels

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6 c. Mary Ellen Vanderlick, M.D.

7 d. Nir Stanletzky, M.D.

8 e. Van Pavlik, P.T.

9 f. Ahmed Khalifa, M.D.

10 g. Manjit Randhawa, M.D.

11 h. Thomas Abrahms, M.D.

12 7. Experts

13 a. Defense

14 i. Laura Anderson, M.D.

15 ii. Stephen Mann, M.D.

16 iii. Richard Rubenstein, M.D.

17 iv. William Hooker, Ph.D.

18 v. Stuart Pickel, M.D.

19 vi. Bradley Closson

20 vii. Paul Herbert

21 viii. Jerald Udinsky, Ph.D.

22 ix. Alan Nelson

23 b. Plaintiff

24 i. Theodore Mitchel, CPA

25 ii. Richard Koch, Ed.D.

26 iii. John Wicks, Ph.D.

27 c. Intervenor Liberty Mutual

28 i. Thomas Abrams, M.D.

1 ii. Linda Beckelman

2 8. Miscellaneous

3 a. Robert Piezali

4 b. Randy Rymel

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9 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - SACRAMENTO DIVISION**  
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11 ROY B. SMITH; VICKI SMITH,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 EAGLE MOLDING COMPANY #1,  
15 ET AL.,

16 Defendants.

CASE NO. CIV.S-04-1245 LKK  
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WITNESS LIST OF INTERVENOR,  
LIBERTY MUTUAL

DATE: February 5, 2007  
TIME: 2:00 P.M.

Complaint Filed: 6/29/04

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17 AND RELATED ACTIONS  
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20 Separate Witness List pursuant to Rule 16-281 of the Local Rules for the  
21 United States District Court for the Eastern District of California and the  
22 Court's Scheduling Order.

- 23 1. Roy Smith  
24 2. Vicki Smith  
25 3. Dean Newell  
26 4. Richard Sisco  
27 5. Jose Correa  
28 6. Kevin McCool

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10. Dr. William Waters
11. Dr. Abraham Thomas

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**Plaintiffs' Exhibits Exhibits include:**

- 1) Plaintiff's medical records
- 2) W-2s and wage information
- 3) The supporting documentation from his trucking business concerning expenses, income and profit
- 4) X-rays and other radiographic studies of plaintiff
- 5) Model of the human spine
- 6) Photographs of the truck in question and the same or similar tarps
- 7) Photographs of plaintiff's injuries and surgical scars
- 8) Report regarding past and future wage loss prepared by Theodore Mitchel, CPA
- 9) Report of testing and employability prepared by and under the direction of Richard Koch
- 10) Report of John Wicks, PhD
12. Discovery Documents - None contemplated at this time.
13. Further Discovery or Motions - None known.
14. Amendments - Dismissals None contemplated
15. Stipulations - None Known
16. Settlement Negotiations The court has indicated it will be setting a settlement conference  
at the final pre-trial conference and such a settlement conference would likely be helpful.
17. Agreed Statements: There is no agreed statement of facts.
18. Separate Trial of Issues No separate trial of issues is advisable.
19. Impartial Experts - There are no impartial experts.
20. Attorney's Fees - Attorney's fees are not sought.
21. Trial Exhibits - No special handling of trial exhibits is required but retention of exhibits  
pending appeal is advisable.
22. Miscellaneous - No other suggestions appear appropriate. There are no known claims of privilege.

**ATTACHMENT "D"**

**EXHIBIT B**  
**To Separate Pre-Trial Statement of Eagle Moulding Co. #1**

**TRIAL EXHIBIT LIST**

**Deposition Transcripts**

- A. Roy Smith
- B. Vickie Smith
- C. Jose Correa
- D. Kevin McCool
- E. Robert Stoddard
- F. Anthony DiVita
- G. Daniel Dorsey, M.D.
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- I. George Williams, M.D.
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- 4 2A. Billy Daniels
- 5 2B. Randy Rymel
- 6 Eagle Moulding Co. #1 Records
- 7 2C. Safety meeting records
- 8 2D. Certificate of forklift training for Jose Correa
- 9 2E. Industrial Truck (forklift) Training Verification form for Jose
- 10 Correa
- 11 2F. Forklift training materials
- 12 2G. Load documents for September 17, 2002
- 13 2H. Eagle Moulding Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP)
- 14 2I. OSHA Forms For Recording Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses
- 15 Yuba City Fire Department Records
- 16 2J. 9/17/02 report of fire department responders Stoddard and
- 17 DiVita
- 18 Rideout Memorial Hospital Records
- 19 2K. 9/17/02 EMT report from Rideout Emergency Room
- 20 2L. 9/17/02 – 9/18/02 Emergency Room reports of doctors Dorsey,
- 21 Han, Williams, and Mauk
- 22 2M. Radiology records
- 23 2N. Records of medical treatment at Rideout Memorial Hospital
- 24 Maverick Transportation Records
- 25 2O. Driver orientation materials
- 26 2P. Safety Rules and Procedures
- 27 Medical reports of Plaintiffs' Treating Physicians
- 28 2Q. Thomas Mims, M.D.

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- 6 2W. Evaluation/Report of Van Pavlik, P.T.
- 7 2X. Records of medical treatment at St. Luke's Hospital
- 8 2Y. Records of medical treatment at University of Texas Medical
- 9 Center
- 10 Other Exhibits
- 11 2Z. Video-tape of deposition of Roy Smith
- 12 3A. Site inspection photographs
- 13 3B. DVD of Piziali site inspection
- 14 3C. Safety Standards For Rough Terrain Forklift Trucks
- 15 3D. Manufacturer's Operator Instruction Manual (forklift) and "Rules
- 16 for Safe Industrial Truck Operation"
- 17 Defense Expert Reports
- 18 3E. Laura Anderson, M.D.
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2. Maverick Trucking training program documents

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- 3. Maverick Trucking's personnel file for Roy
- 4. Photo of truck (exhibit B24, Smith depo 3/8/06)
- 5. Photo of truck (exhibit B25, Smith depo 3/8/06)
- 6. Photo of truck (exhibit B26, Smith depo 3/8/06)
- 7. Smith Log from 3/8/06 deposition (exhibit c)
- 8. Certificate of title (exhibit d, Smith 3/8/06 deposition)
- 9. Welcome Home to Maverick pamphlet
- 10. Maverick Transportation Driver Manual
- 11. exemplar tarp

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